

# PROJECT RECOVERY UPDATE

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## Progress Continues One Year Later

The Mississippi Gulf Coast was a sea of blue shirts during the recent one year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

From Bay St. Louis to Pascagoula to Jackson, Project Recovery Outreach Workers were in the field helping people cope with the anniversary.

While helping others cope, many Outreach Workers were dealing with anniversary reactions themselves.

"Their strength never ceases to amaze me," said Jennie Hillman, Project Recovery Director. "A lot of our staff lost everything during Katrina and they are suffering too."

During the anniversary, staff provided the community with important information about possible anniversary reactions and ways to cope with reactions.

Project Recovery has provided services to more than 210,000 since the project began. A sharp increase in encounters occurred during August.

"Experiencing the anniversary on the Gulf Coast has reassured me of the fact that we still have a long way to go," said Hillman. "Our Outreach Workers have done an amazing job, but there are still many people who need help."

### Staffing Changes

As of August 31, 2006, Project Recovery closed Regions 9 and 15. Project Recovery plans to request an extension for the six Gulf Coast counties after November. The hard work and determination of all Project Recovery staff is greatly appreciated.



**Pictured are Project Recovery staff members with Governor Haley Barbour during one of the many anniversary activities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.**



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## Project Recovery Workers Honored

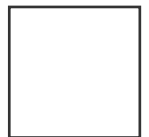
Project Recovery Outreach Workers in Region 13 were recently honored with a certificate from the City of Waveland for their contributions to the recovery process.

"I am amazed at the dedication shown by my team. If they are given a difficult situation they follow it through until it is completed. I am very proud of them," said Team Leader Stephanie Sellier.



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